training is borne by the respective Governments, where the training is held.

(b) During the last 5 years two officers were sent for long-term training and two officers were sent for short-term training from this Ministry.

(c) One of the two officers selected for the long-term training course belonged to S.C. category.

(d) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting recommended all the eligible applicants to Department of Personnel & Training, who are the nodal agency for sponsoring the candidates. Only officer SC category had applied and he was sent abroad for long-term training course.

Production of programmes broadcast on Doordarshan

844. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that production of programmes to be broadcast on Doordarshan is carried out by the non-departmental persons;

(b) if so, the details of programmes produced by departmental/ non-departmental persons during the year 1997-98, 1998-99 and 1999-2000, separately; and

(c) the amount given annually to non-departmental persons for production of these programmes during the said period?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Programmes for Doordarshan are produced by departmental as well as non-departmental persons.

(b) The number of programmes produced by non-departmental persons is as under:

	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
Commissioned	2173	3692	3949
Royalty	626	635	96
TOTAL	2799	4327	4045

The number of programmes produced by Departmental persons is as under:

1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000
19502	20106	20214

(c) The amount sanctioned to programmes produced by non-departmental persons, year-wise, is given as under:

	1997-98
Commissioned	Rs. 23,83,84,160
Royalty	Rs. 5,79,39,949
	1998-99
Commissioned	Rs. 49,28,69,000
Royalty	Rs. 2,79,17,713
	1999-2000
Commissioned	Rs. 63,04,65,285
Royalty	Rs. 2,68,64,815

Introduction of FM Metro Channel of AIR, Bangalore

845. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to introduce FM Metro Channel of AIR, Bangalore;

(b) if so, when will it be introduced;

(c) the places to be covered under FM transmission in Karnataka; and